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Removal Sale

We have decided that it will be easier and quicker to move if we reduce our stock, and in order to do so and do it quickly we will give a good, liberal discount on everything.

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GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

A NEW ADMINISTRATION

Grants Pass Begins New Year With New Officers.

The council meeting of last Thursday marked the change of municipal government for Grants Pass for it closed the terms of office for Mayor H. L. Gilkey and of Councilmen H. C. Perkins, J. L. Calvert and H. J. Bacher. There was no outgoing councilman for the third ward, the late incumbent, J. A. Rehkopf, having died last fall. And the terms of office of Auditor C. E. Mabey, City Attorney H. D. Norton, City Engineer H. J. Reynolds, Marshal Geo. Finch, Night Watchman L. McGraw and Street Superintendent R. H. Gillilan may also soon terminate for these officers hold their positions by appointment by the mayor, and Mayor Good has postponed the announcement of his nominations until the next regular meeting of the council, which will be on Thursday of next week.

Mayor H. L. Gilkey called the council to order, and after the minutes had been read by the recorder, he read his annual report in which he gave a summary of the work of the municipal government of Grants Pass for the past year. At the close of his report, Mayor Gilkey thanked the members of the city government for the co-operation in executing the duties of their offices and for the harmony and good will that existed. Below is a summary of the Mayor's report in full. City Treasurer Col. W. Johnson then submitted his annual report, which also is given in full below. Mr. Gilkey then vacated the presiding officers chair and introduced Mayor-elect George Good, who took his seat and dispensing with usual address of an incoming mayor, took up the regular order of business. At the same time the outgoing councilmen relinquished their seats to the incoming members who were L. R. Hall, John Randle, E. L. Cass and Frank Fetsch.

The resignation of James Trimble, councilman for the Fourth ward was read and accepted. Mr. Trimble said he could not spare the time from his blacksmith business to attend properly to the duties of councilman, especially as he was chairman of the street committee, which took up much of his time. To fill the vacancy, Councilman Fetsch nominated W. T. Coburn and Councilman Williams nominated T. Y. Dean. On a ballot Mr. Dean was elected, he receiving four votes and Mr. Coburn three votes.

Petition of W. S. Moore and others for sidewalk on south side of G street from Seventh to Eighth was referred to street committee.

The petition of J. E. Koley and others to curtail the limits allowed bicycles on sidewalks, so as to exclude riding on Sixth street down to K street and on J street between Sixth and Seventh. Referred to street committee.

Petition of G. O. Olin et al for bridge across Gilbert Creek on Manzanita street. Referred to street committee.

Health committee reported three cases of diphtheria under quarantine, being the only cases in town and those very mild.

Bond of Col. Johnson, treasurer, was approved.

Saloon bonds of Lempe and Coburn & Hawkins, approved.

Ordinances granting franchises of streets and alleys to the Condor Water & Power Co., of Tofo, and to the Advance Power, Electric, Frigating & Mining Co. of Grants Pass, were each read a third time, placed on final passage and passed unanimously. Each franchise is perpetual in duration and is for electric light and power only and each company is to fix their rates no higher than is paid in Grants Pass for a like service at the time they accept their franchise. The city of Grants Pass retains the right to regulate the manner in which the companies shall erect and maintain their wires and poles. Each company is to give a bond of \$1000 that will fulfill the terms of their franchise and the Condor Company has 15 days in which to accept and must have two miles of wire strung by January 1, 1905. The Advance Company has 30 days in which to accept their franchise and must begin work on their lines by January 1, 1905.

The following bills were allowed: Dave Morrow, street work, \$12.00; F. G. Wilcox, street work, 4.00; M. W. Wheeler street work, 2.40; Geo. Coughle, street work, 3.00; Geo. Hartman, street work, 12.00; C. McPherson, street work, 2.00; H. N. Parker, feed, 2.00; Baber Bros., drayage, 75; Hair-Riddle Co., hardware, 8.00; F. M. Wickman, feed, 2.00; Water & Light Co., 235.00; Kinney & Tux, 12.90; Dr. Love, physician, 2.50.

MAYOR GILKEY'S REPORT.

The following is Mayor H. L. Gilkey's report in full: Gentlemen—We have an ordinance requiring an annual statement from the Mayor showing the financial condition of the town and making recommendation as to the future conduct of its affairs; but inasmuch as the mayor is elected but for one year and at the beginning of his term of office he is not sufficiently conversant with the conditions to either make such statements or recommendations and at the close of the year it is certainly would be out of order to map out a policy for his successor, we, therefore, will confine our report to a brief review of what has been done during the past year, especially in the way of

public improvements. I refer to the city treasurer's report for detailed statement of financial matters.

During the past year there has been built new or rebuilt, 22 bridges, the foundations of which have been laid in concrete, and one concrete arch across Skunk Creek, which latter takes the place of a hundred foot bridge at a cost of \$451. This, to have been done by contract would have cost the city about \$1000, figuring on a basis of estimates given by contractors.

New street crossings built, 16, alley crossings, 3, new culverts, 25, sidewalk culverts, 14, sewer pipe laid for street and alley crossings, 6-in., 202 feet, 8-in., 344 feet, 10-in., 248 feet, 12-in., 160 feet, total, 2184 feet. The street cleaning during the year has cost about \$400. There has been about 1400 feet of new streets graded and 1290 loads of gravel and rock hauled by the city team for street improvements.

The main sewer has been lengthened 520 feet. Laterals have been laid the length of 845 feet. There has been 211 barrels of cement used for the concrete work upon the bridges and building drain sewers. There has been built 175 feet of 5 and 6-foot drain sewer at the head of Sixth street and 225 feet of said sewer repaired.

Aside from the above there has been ordered by the council and built by the property holders 376 lineal feet of cement sidewalks and 2050 feet of granite sidewalks. The cost of the city team and driver for the past year has been \$282.50. All of the work has been of a substantial character. The bridges being shortened very materially and concrete foundations put in such a way that it can be used for a foundation for concrete arches, if same is desired in the future. The banks of the creek wherever there was danger of washing, have been thoroughly protected with rock work or riprap.

The above enumerated pieces of work are in addition to the usual repairs to street crossings, culverts, bridges and sidewalks. It has seemed to the street committee that all of the work in connection with the building and repairing of bridges was imperative to protect the public from possible injury and the city from expensive litigation arising from damage suits. This work will last a long time and will not be a burden in the way of extra expense for many years. All the above work has been accomplished with an approximate increase of the city debt of less than \$3000.

Respectfully submitted, H. L. GILKEY, Mayor.

TREASURER JOHNSON'S REPORT.

The following is Treasurer, Col. W. Johnson's annual report: Grants Pass, Oregon, Dec. 31, 1904. Council of the City of Grants Pass: I hereby submit to you my annual report as treasurer of said city for the year ending December 31, 1904.

General Fund.

Bal on hand Dec. 31, 1903, \$3110.85
Liquor license, 4400.00
Peddlers' license, 20.00
Dray license, 93.00
Rent, 48.50
Taxes, 628.00
Police court, 2320.48
The, 1.00
Show license, 165.00
Auctioneer's license, 15.00
Filling in lot, 48.50
Sale of old house, 12.75
Shooting gallery license, 30.00
Payment on lot, 75.00
Paid on shortage in auditor's books, 73.80

Total, \$8007.88

Disbursements.

Warrants cancelled, \$7009.49
Interest on same, 1191.34
Balance on hand, 1747.17

Total, \$8007.88

Sewer Fund.

Bal on hand Dec. 31, 1903, \$ 20.36
Sewer assessments, 294.36
Transferred from special fund, 138.29

Total, \$449.40

Disbursements.

Warrant cancelled, \$449.40

Total, \$449.40

Road Fund.

Bal on hand Dec. 31, 1903, \$ 39.33
Road tax, 11.80
Road work for county, 891.25
Bridges for county, 2.10
Sale of old lumber, 4.30
Building granite walk, 10.00

Total, \$1051.18

Disbursements.

Warrants cancelled, \$439.65
Balance on hand, 471.53

Total, \$1051.18

Special Incident Fund.

Bal on hand Dec. 31, 1903, \$ 35.41
Penrod fees, 90.10
Dog tax, 86.00
Sale of impounded stock, 22.00

Total, \$233.51

Disbursements.

Warrants cancelled, \$ 2.50
Transfer to sewer fund, 138.09
Bal on hand, 95.92

Total, \$233.51

City's Debt.

Outstanding warrants Dec. 31, 1904, \$24,800.70
Estimated interest on same, 1,586.16
Sewer bonds, 6,000.00
Interest on same to Jan. 1, 1905, 200.00

Total Debt, \$32,586.96

COL. W. JOHNSON, City Treasurer.

FOR FRUIT GROWERS UNION

Applegate Orchardist States Facts of Interest to Farmers.

John H. Robinson, an Applegate orchardist and farmer, whose farm is near Murphy, was in Grants Pass Saturday. Mr. Robinson has 20 acres to fruit trees, the larger number being winter apples with the remainder pears, peaches and plums. He is preparing to abandon prune raising, owing to the continued low price of that fruit, and he has planted his prune orchard to apple trees, digging up such prune trees as are in the way, and will remove the remainder so soon as the apple trees get to bearing.

Mr. Robinson has a fine young nursery of 30,000, trees. He expects to plant 10,000 grafts this spring and to gradually enlarge his stock until it will be a first-class commercial nursery. Mr. Robinson holds that fruit tree planting has but begun in Josephine county and that there will be a large and constantly increasing demand for choice, home-grown fruit trees. So profitable are the farmers finding fruit raising that they are now beginning to take up that industry, and it bids fair to soon become one of the main farm products, as it is in Jackson county, where a similar soil and climate is producing the famous Rogue River apples and pears that have a ready sale at top prices in the markets of the Eastern states, of Europe and of the Orient.

While commercial orchards are few in number and small in size in Josephine county, yet the time is not distant when this county will equal Jackson county in the acreage to fruit trees.

Mr. Robinson has demonstrated that the red hill land, of which there are thousands of acres in Josephine county, is the best of fruit land. He finds that every variety of fruit trees can be grown successfully on this red land, but not every kind of the different varieties of trees will do well on this dry land. Those kinds

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having spreading roots that keep close to the surface do not stand the dry weather like those having deep growing roots. A part of Mr. Robinson's orchard is so steep that he has difficulty in cultivating the land, yet the trees grow so vigorously that he has each year to prune them. In addition to thorough cultivation to conserve the moisture of the soil, Mr. Robinson finds that the method of planting trees in a hill orchard has much to do with giving them a vigorous growth. The shallow planting in small holes, as is done on bottom land, will not do on hill land where the trees must be set deep. The larger the hole is made the better and Mr. Robinson thinks that if the

holes were made 10 feet deep and a dozen feet wide and then filled with loam soil, it would be all the better for the trees. These deep holes would hold the water from the rains and give a constant supply of moisture to the roots of the trees that would carry the trees through the dry season. These larger holes could be cheaply made by boring down and putting in a charge of giant powder to shake up the soil. The shallow planting on a hard subsoil near the surface, is why so many hill land orchards do not mature good fruit, and often the trees die entirely so soon as they attain a large size and require much moisture.

Mr. Robinson is a strong advocate of a fruit growers union for the orchardists of Josephine county. He holds that it would enable them to secure a higher price for their fruit and lower rates on their boxes, fruit paper and spraying material, for the union could both sell and buy in quantities and get the best market prices. Another great advantage that a union would bring would be a better and more uniform system of grading and packing fruit. Many growers here do not know how to properly grade and pack their fruit to have it bring the best price. The union would have an expert packer who would visit the various orchards and instruct the packers as to the standard of grading and packing that is required of fruit that is to be sold as first-class in the markets. Mr. Robinson favors the holding of a fruit growers convention in Grants Pass this winter, when the question of organizing a union could be discussed along with other topics of interest to the orchardists of Josephine county.

S. P. DOES SPRING CLEANING

Court House Square and School Grounds Need Renovating.

The Southern Pacific has begun early on the spring clean-up about the Grants Pass depot grounds and is setting a good example to the town. A large additional section of the switch yard has been covered with granite sand, giving a clean, dry surface about the tracks. A wide, heavy plank walk has been placed across Sixth street at the point where passengers go to or coming from the north bound cars cross the street. The park south of the depot has been put in attractive shape by having the trees and shrubbery pruned and the old papers, tannin husks and other rubbish cleaned out. And the unsightly litter making tannin stand was made to move away from the railroad property. The fence about both parks have been repaired and the new sections painted.

The depot grounds now are in rather marked contrast with the court house and school grounds and most of the streets of Grants Pass, which are made unsightly by a general aggregation of rubbish, ranging from empty oyster cans to broken old stoves. As towns are judged by their appearance quite as much as are individuals, it would be good policy and a good investment to have all the public grounds and streets and alleys of the city thoroughly cleaned. And while this was going on, it would not be amiss for property owners to see that their premises were in order, for there are some yards that have a very unsightly appearance from the street. A goodly number of the shade trees along the sidewalks badly need pruning that pedestrians can get by without having their faces scratched or hats knocked off by low-hanging limbs. It pays for a city to be neat and clean, quite as much as it does as individual, both from a sanitary as well as a financial consideration, and not considering the fact that public cleanliness tends to stimulate private cleanliness and that cheerful, attractive surroundings make people more contented, hopeful and energetic.

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The Votes

Votes are beginning to come in at a lively rate and the work of counting them will be commenced soon, they will then be counted daily and the results announced weekly in the Courier.

The members of the A. A. C. are working hard for the flag and on the first count they will have a big vote which they will raise from day to day. The Eagles are also working hard while the public school scholars are placing votes for the school. They believe that the school is the proper place for that handsome silk flag.

Get Your Votes in Early

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